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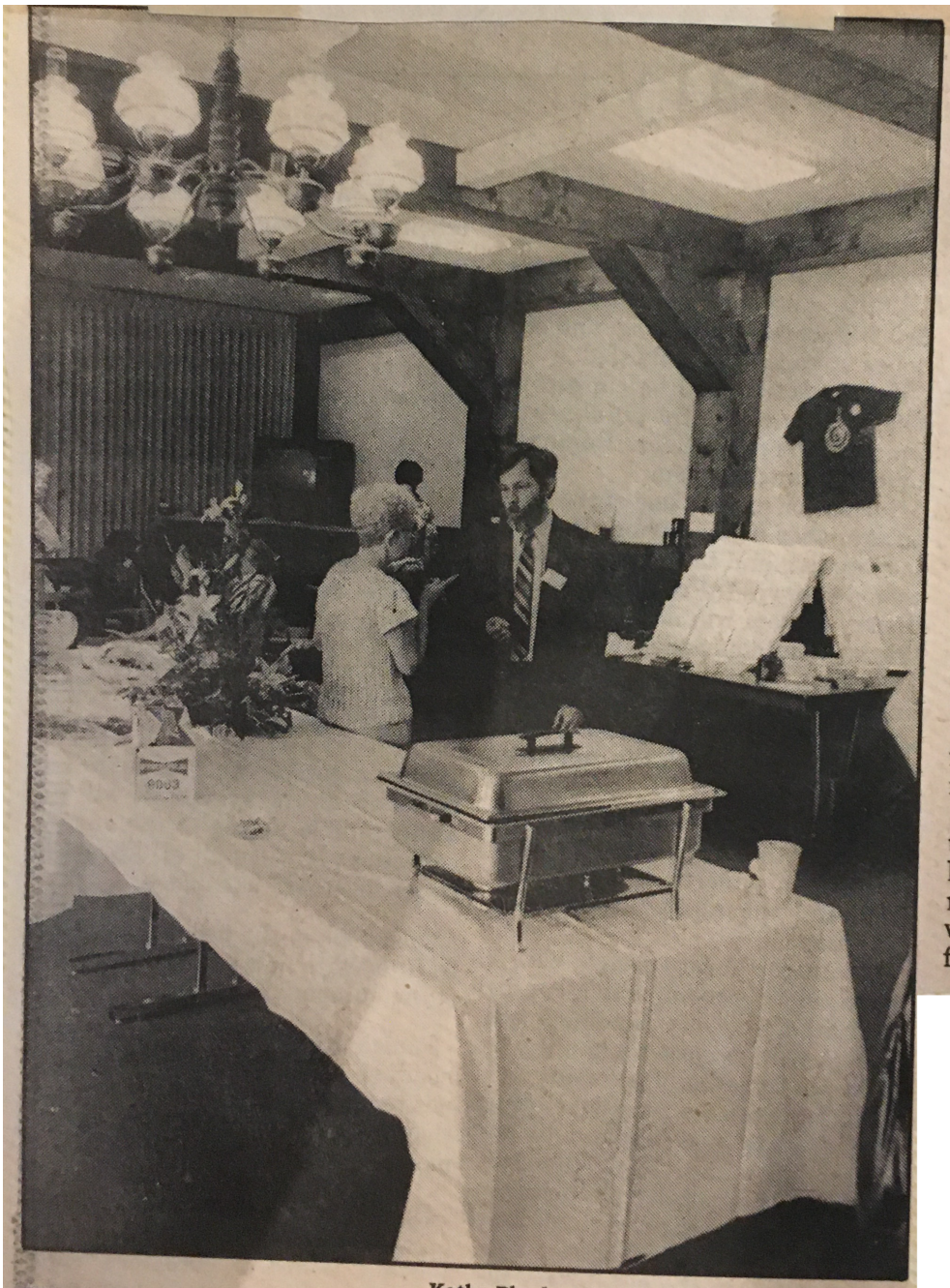

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Marie Coble makes a point with Ron Brill during the Monroe Institute open house on Sunday afternoon.

Institute on Adial Road plays host

The Monroe Institute, a non-profit, educational and research organization located off of Adial Road, had its first open-house in two years Sunday, May 22.

The Institute, dedicated to the development and application of new ways to learn, first acquired property in Nelson County in 1977, but the Center residence and the Gatehouse were not completed until 1979.

According to Robert Monroe, founder of the Institute, it is non-sectarian and non-political in its teaching and practices, and has the wide support of both scientists and religious leaders of varying denominations.

The Institute has specialized in the use of sounds to assist in the learning process, and the laboratories at the Institute have gained world-wide attention and interest for the intensive research.